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"Conyers: Bush has no mandate for a radical conservative agenda"

Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee and Dean of the Congressional Black Caucus, issued the following statement in response to President Bush's announced agenda for the 108th Congress:

"The Republican party ran successfully this past election by claiming to endorse the Democratic domestic agenda. This political cross-dressing has provided them no mandate for a radical conservative agenda. Misreading the tea leaves, the President is now planning to use his control of the executive branch and both houses of Congress to push a right wing agenda on the American people by pushing more tax cuts for the rich that will further increase our growing deficits and cripple our economy, right wing judges that will roll back our civil rights and a woman's right to choose, and radical tort reform that will rob victims of justice.

"With rising unemployment and shrinking pensions, the President's only answers are more tax cuts and giveaways to insurance companies. And new evidence that he engaged in insider trading at Harken energy have sapped his credibility on this issue of corporate corruption. The most important thing to the American people at this point is the economy, yet our President has not made one single commitment to create more jobs or restore investor confidence. Our economy is in shambles and the President can no longer blame the Senate. It is now his responsibility alone."